

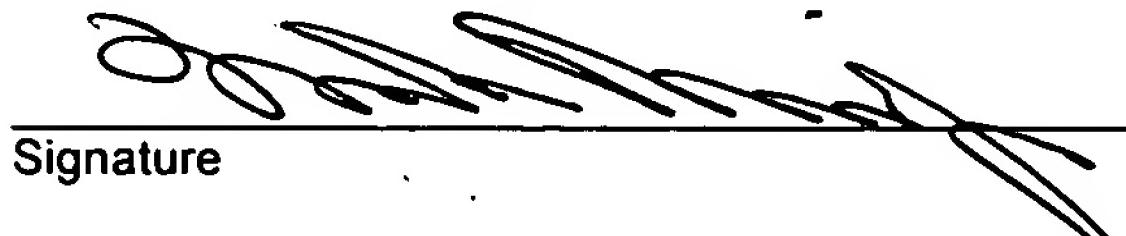


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Inventor: Philpott
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Communication dated 09/19/2005. No additional fees are believed to be necessary.

Rejection under 35 USC § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by plant breeders rights publication number 971485 published on February 16, 1998 in Europe in view of Veronica Glory being sold in Europe in May of 1998.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.